

## REGIONAL EMPOWERMENT, ECONOMIC GROWTH: Accessing Technology in the Delta Region

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Speaker Bios

## Mason Scott Cox Biographical Information

Scott Cox has promoted and worked to improve workforce development in the Delta since 1994. As Industrial Coordinator for three Louisiana Technical College campuses in Tallulah, Lake Providence, and Winnsboro, he has written or co-written eight (8) grant proposals which secured \$22 million in funds for education and training for Northeast Louisiana residents.

Cox helped develop and conduct the labor survey which resulted in Avondale Industries' decision to locate a shipyard in Madison Parish in 1997. He also has developed customized training programs for business and industry including the Industrial Maintenance program for the Tifton Aluminum, which is now a regular program at Louisiana Technical College-Tallulah.

Cox is the president of the Madison Parish Economic Development Foundation and is a member of the Board of Directors for Macon Ridge Economic Development Corporation. He has also served as a member on several Council on Occupational Education (COE) accreditation teams.

Cox earned a bachelor of arts degree in Journalism and a master of arts degree in Student Personnel Services from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He has also participated in numerous professional development activities including completing the ACCLAIM Institute on Community-Based Programming at North Carolina State University in 1998. He is a certified AchieveGlobal (formerly Zenger Miller) trainer. AchieveGlobal provides leadership, teamwork, work force development training for business and industry.

Cox, his wife Lynne, and two children Jennifer and Landon reside in Vicksburg. Lynne is a teacher of the deaf at the Mississippi School for the Deaf in Jackson.